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26 June 1987

JUDGE:

RE: Your Remarks
Pre-July 4th Observance
Headquarters
July 2, 1987

You have agreed to address Agency employees at the pre-July 4th observance in front of the Headquarters Auditorium at 11:30 on Thursday, July 2. The program was arranged by the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity. It features inspirational and patriotic songs by Mr. Wintley Phipps who will be presented with a certificate of appreciation. The certificate will be read by Ted Price, Director of Personnel, after which you are requested to hand the certificate to Mr. Phipps. Mr. Price will introduce you to begin the program with your remarks which are attached. They follow the pattern and length of the remarks that you have made at July 4th courtyard ceremonies at the FBI.

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REMARKS

BY

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

BEFORE THE

PRE-JULY 4TH OBSERVANCE

CIA HEADQUARTERS

LANGLEY, VIRGINIA

JULY 2, 1987

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE A PART OF THIS PROGRAM TODAY, SO CLOSE TO THE EVE OF OUR GREAT NATIONAL HOLIDAY. SATURDAY WILL MARK THE TWO HUNDRED ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE--A LANDMARK DOCUMENT IN MANKIND'S HISTORY. IT IS TRULY AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO REFLECT ON THE BLESSINGS OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE FREEDOMS THAT WE CHERISH.

IT IS ALSO A TIME TO REFLECT ON OUR WORK AND ON THIS AGENCY WHOSE RECENT PAST IN SOME WAYS HAS BEEN DIFFICULT. WE HAVE SAID OUR FAREWELL TO A MOST ADMIRABLE LEADER OF AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE. THROUGH RENEWAL AND REDEDICATION I BELIEVE WE CAN SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE THE MOMENTUM OF THIS AGENCY IN SECURING THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

THE REAL STORY OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN RECENT YEARS IS THE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY, RELEVANCE, AND TIMELINESS OF INTELLIGENCE. EACH OF US HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE TO THE NATION'S DECISIONMAKERS. THIS MISSION IS BEING CARRIED OUT WITH INTEGRITY, DEDICATION AND SKILL.

WHEN I APPEARED BEFORE THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE IN EARLY APRIL FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS, I SAID THAT I WAS DEEPLY HONORED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN'S NOMINATION OF ME TO BE THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE. I SAID THAT I HAD DEVELOPED SOME THOUGHTS, IDEAS, AND VIEWS ABOUT THE BROAD RANGE OF INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY--BUT THAT I HAD STILL TO LEARN. AND I SAID THAT I WOULD PROCEED WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE ENORMOUS WISDOM, TALENT, AND SELFLESS DEDICATION OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CIA.¹ ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN HERE ONLY A SHORT TIME, THIS CONFIDENCE IS ALREADY BEING REINFORCED.

ON THAT OCCASION BEFORE THE SELECT COMMITTEE I ALSO QUOTED A PASSAGE FROM THE BOOK, A MAN CALLED INTREPID. THE BOOK IS ABOUT A FRIEND, SIR WILLIAM STEPHENSON, WHO, IN THE BOOK'S FOREWORD, WROTE:

"AMONG THE INCREASINGLY INTRICATE ARSENALS ACROSS THE WORLD, INTELLIGENCE IS AN ESSENTIAL WEAPON, PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT. BUT IT IS, BEING SECRET, THE MOST DANGEROUS. SAFEGUARDS TO PREVENT ITS

ABUSE MUST BE DEVISED, REVISED AND RIGIDLY APPLIED. BUT, AS IN ALL ENTERPRISE, THE CHARACTER AND WISDOM OF THOSE TO WHOM IT IS ENTRUSTED WILL BE DECISIVE. IN THE INTEGRITY OF THAT GUARDIANSHIP LIES THE HOPE OF FREE PEOPLE TO ENDURE AND PREVAIL."

I WISH I HAD WRITTEN THOSE POIGNANT WORDS AND I BELIEVE STRONGLY IN THEM. I TRUST THAT EACH OF YOU DOES TOO. I ASK THAT YOU KEEP THEM IN MIND AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

I AM SURE THAT WE WILL SUCCEED IN FULFILLING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. AND WE WILL DO SO WITH THE WISDOM AND GUIDANCE OF THE CONGRESS WHICH, IN TURN, STRENGTHENS PUBLIC TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING FOR THE WORK OF THIS AGENCY.

FOR MY PART, I AM DEDICATED TO CONTINUE TO MOVE THIS AGENCY AHEAD AGGRESSIVELY, OBJECTIVELY, AND PROFESSIONALLY WITH FIDELITY TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE LAND. WE MUST WORK TO PRESERVE THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION AND THE SAFETY OF ITS CITIZENS TO ENSURE THAT AMERICA REMAINS THE LAND OF THE FREE--THE TRUEST PROMISE OF THE FOURTH OF JULY.

NOW I KNOW YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD AS MUCH AS I AM TO HEARING MR. WINTLEY PHIPPS. IT IS GOOD TO HAVE HIM REVISIT LANGLEY TO PRESENT HIS UNIQUE PROGRAM. WE THANK BOB FITZGERALD, OUR DIRECTOR OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, FOR ARRANGING MR. PHIPPS' APPEARANCE. MR. PHIPPS HAS SAID THAT WHEN PEOPLE LISTEN TO HIS MUSIC HE HOPES THAT THEY SENSE A LIFE THAT IS COMMITTED.² AS WE LISTEN TO HIS INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAM LET US EACH TAKE THE OCCASION, AS IS FITTING FOR THIS HOLIDAY, TO COMMIT OURSELVES ANEW TO HONOR OUR COUNTRY AND TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN OUR COMMON EFFORTS.

I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT TO MR. PHIPPS A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE AGENCY. MR. PRICE WILL READ THE CITATION.



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STATEMENT

BY

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BEFORE THE

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

APRIL 8, 1987



Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Members of the Committee, I have been looking forward to this moment and appreciate very much the opportunity to appear before you today.

This is now the fifth time that a Committee of the Senate has considered my fitness to serve in an office requiring Presidential appointment. I am deeply honored by President Reagan's nomination of me to be Director of Central Intelligence, and if the Senate chooses to confirm me, I will bring to the office the very best I have in me.

Mr. Chairman, I realize that past confirmations must stand apart from the process you begin today. I know that this Committee will wish to discuss with me my past stewardship in public office and my thoughts and views about the office for which I am now being considered. Still, I do not exactly come before this committee as a blank page. For nine years, it has been my privilege to appear before this Committee in its oversight capacity and report to you on the work of the FBI in counterintelligence and counterterrorism matters and to discuss with you my views on the broader picture of national security. I hope you know by now my unreserved support for your oversight function and my deeply held view that this function can and should provide not only wisdom and guidance, but also reenforce public support and trust for the work of the intelligence community. Indeed, as

recipients of sensitive intelligence information which cannot be made publicly available, you serve as surrogates for the American people.

The responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence are largely defined by statute and by Executive Order. The responsibilities are awesome and no Director of Central Intelligence can succeed without your full understanding and support. It is a shared responsibility, and we must succeed.

In my years of association with the components of the intelligence community, I have developed some thoughts, ideas and views - principally in counterintelligence - but also in the broader range and function of intelligence-gathering and activities in furtherance of the national security. I would not, however, want my answers to your questions today to suggest either that I think I know all the answers or that there is nothing more for me to learn. Quite the contrary. But I do have confidence in my own judgment and even greater confidence in the enormous wisdom, talent and selfless dedication of the men and women of the Central Intelligence Agency and of the other equally competent and dedicated components of the intelligence community. I believe I can sustain and enhance the collective momentum of the intelligence community to serve the national interest aggressively, objectively and professionally, and to do so with fidelity to our Constitution, our

statutes and all lawful orders issued pursuant thereto.

Rather than burden you with a lengthy and potentially presumptuous opening statement, I should like to conclude by reading two short paragraphs from a book written some years ago about a man, now in the twilight of his life, whom I am privileged to know as a friend. His name is Sir William Stephenson, and the book which made him more famous than I suspect he would like to be is titled "A Man Called Intrepid." Bill Stephenson wrote a foreword to that book. In that foreword he said:

"Perhaps a day will dawn when tyrants can no longer threaten the liberty of any people, when the function of all nations, however varied their ideologies, will be to enhance life, not to control it. If such a condition is possible, it is in a future too far distant to foresee. Until that safer, better day, the democracies will avoid disaster, and possibly total destruction, only by maintaining their defenses.

"Among the increasingly intricate arsenals across the world, intelligence is an essential weapon, perhaps the most important. But it is, being secret, the most dangerous. Safeguards to prevent its abuse must be devised, revised, and rigidly applied. But, as in all enterprise, the character and wisdom of those to whom it is entrusted will be decisive. In the integrity of that guardianship lies the hope of free people to endure and prevail."

Mr. Chairman, I wish that I had written those words. I believe them, I subscribe to them and if confirmed will do all that I can to be worthy of your trust.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I shall be pleased to respond to your questions and those of the Committee.

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